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Sir:

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It is therefore respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reply to the undersigned as to the status of the above-referenced matter.

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